The company has also been granted approval for foreign collaboration with M/s. TYAZHPROMEXPORT, USSR, and for the import of the Capital Goods for a value of Rs.670 lakhs by Government.

Proposal For The Utilisation of Increased Output of natural Gas in Krishna-Godavari Basin

2026. PROF.C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any proposals pending for the utilisation of increased output of natural gas in Krishna Godavari Basin; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a)and(b) There have been a number of requests for supply of gas for fertiliser, power and sponge iron project as also for use as an industrial and domestic fuel. The presently avilable gas has been fully committed for various users in Andhra Pradesh.

Natural Gas From HBJ Pipeline For Industrial Development In Uttar Pradesh

2027. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to supply the natural gas from the HBJ pipeline for industrial development in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so,what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) Commitments have been made for supply of natural gas through HBJ pipeline to four new fertilizer plants and two new power project in U.P.

[illegible]पोरेशन द्वारा कामगार यूनियनों के साथ दीर्घावधि करार

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(क) क्या यह सच है कि इंडियन आयल कारपोरेशन के रिफाइनरी और पाइपलाइन डिवीजन ने कामगार यूनियनों के साथ एक दीर्घावधि करार पर हस्ताक्षर किये हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो करार की मुख्य बातें क्या हैं और इसे कब से कार्यान्वित किया जायेगा; और

(ग) इस करार से होने वाले लाभ हानि का ब्यौरा क्या है?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री(श्री ब्रह्म दत्त): (क) और (ख) जी हां। इंडियन आयल कारपोरेशन के प्रबंधकों ने मान्यता प्राप्त यूनियनों, जिनमें रिफाइनरीज और पाइपलाइन प्रभाग के कामगार आते हैं, के साथ 22 फरवरी, 1989 को एक नए दीर्घकालीन समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर किए। यह समझौता एक मई, 1986 से चार वर्ष और दो माह के लिए है और इसे सरकार के अनुमोदन के बाद लागू किया

मजदूरी में संशोधन, फिटमैंट लाभ, वर्तमान स्थाई मंहगाई भत्ते और परिवर्तनशील मंहगाई भत्ते को [illegible] में जोड़ना, अन्य भत्तों जैसे शिफ्ट भत्ता, [illegible]ता आदि में वृद्धि इस समझौते की मुख्य बातें हैं;

(ग) इस समझौता के परिणामस्वरूप अतिरिक्त वित्तीय भार मजदूरी बिल का लगभग 15 प्रतिशत होने का अनुमान लगाया गया है। कम्पनी की लाभप्रदत्ता पर इसका भारी असर पड़ने की सम्भावना नहीं है।

Royalty on Oil and Natural Gas extracted from Krishna-Godavari Basin

2029. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh has requested the Central Government for payment of royalty on Oil and Natural Gas extracted from Krishna—Godavari basin and similar offshore regions and on land area in Andhra

Pradesh;

(b) if so, what action Central Government have taken or propose to take thereon and whether any royalty has been paid if so, the amount paid so far and the balance amount that is still to be paid; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) No request for payment of royalty on production of mineral oil has been received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh. Payment of royalty is governed by the provisions of the Oil Fields (Regulation and Development) Act, 1948 and the Petroleum and Natural Gas Rules, 1959, under which royalty is payable to the Central Government when crude oil and natural gas are produced from offshore areas and to the concerned State Gopvernment, when the production is from the land vested in that State. The royalty is paid by the producer of mineral oil to the Central or State Government, as the case may be.

For the period 1986-87 to 1988-89 (until mid February, 1989) the producer, Oil and Natural Gas Commission, has paid a total amount of Rs. 17.80 Lakhs to Andhra Pradesh for onshore production of crude oil and natural gas in that State. The anticipated amount of royalty payable to Andhra Pradesh upto 31st March, 1989 is around Rs. 2.50 lakhs.

(c) Does not arise.

Mini cement factories

2030. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of mini cement factories in the country at present, Statewise; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to give rebate on excise and sales tax to tide over the crisis in mini cement factories?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) The number of mini cement plants in the organised sector in the different States are as under:—

State	Number of Mini Cement Plants
1. Andhra Pradesh	14
2. Arunachal Pradesh	1
3. Assam	1
4. Bihar	1
5. Gujarat	16
6. J & K	2
7. Karnataka	11
8. Madhya Pradesh	12
9. Maharashtra	2
10. Orissa	1
11. Rajasthan	5
12. Tamil Nadu	4
13. Uttar Pradesh	2
TOTAL:	72

In addition, there are mini cement plants in the small scale sector which are registered with and administered by the respective State Director of Industries. Data regarding such plants is not centrally maintained. However, as of now, about 80 such plants are reporting production to the development commissioner for Cement Industry.

(b) In the Budget for the year 1989-90, excise duty on cement manufactured by units using vertical shaft kiln has been reduced by Rs. 100 per tonne from the general effective rate.

Drilling wells in the Krishna-Godavari basin

2031. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM